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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action in response to application for patent filed on 2/28/05. Claims 1-26 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 02/28/05 and 06/22/06 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities: claims 4 and 5 recite further comprising steps. However, they indicate letter "f" consequently. Appropriate correction is required.

During patent examination, the pending claims have been "given their broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification." See The Federal Circuit's en banc decision in *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 75 USPQ2d 1321 (Fed. Cir. 2005).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gardos et al. ("Gardos") US patent Number 6,880,007.

As per claims 1, 2, 6, 11, Gardos teaches a proxy email computer installation including:

A database (fig 3, element 154) in computer memory associating a customer's identification, a customer actual email (fig 4-6) and a customer's proxy email address (150, 160); an email server ; a computer executable code on a computer usable medium or media providing: first programming to retrieve a customer's actual email address ...; second programming to forward a second email message to the customer's actual email address; and a connection to a communication link forwarding (fig 4-6) the second email message to the customer's actual email addresses (col. 10-12; col. 7 lines 1 et seq; col. 8 lines 25 et seq; col. 9 lines 1-29).

As per claims 3-5, Gardos teaches recording proxy email address in a database ... ; looking up customer's actual email address; causing a web page to be displayed; receiving a second email from the customer; and forwarding the second to a third party identified by the customer (fig 4-6; col. 8 line 25 to col. 10 line 63).

As per claims 7-10, 13-14, Gardos discusses filtering email as customer's choice, blocking email addressed to the proxy (see col. 2 line 45 to col. 3 line 14; col 10 lines 19-51).

All the remaining claims 12 and 15-26 recite copying content of email, checking for incoming emails, deleting email, receiving non-email message, alerting customer to the receipt of non-email message, and saving proxy address into Whois data for domain name (fig 3 and 4B; col. 7 lines 1 et seq; col. 8 lines 25 et seq; col. 9 lines 1-29; col. 10 lines 19 et seq).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 571-272-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571 272 3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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